SPECIES ASSESSED IN 2012

- Peary Caribou - Threatened
- Boreal Caribou - Threatened
- Hairy Braya - Threatened
- Polar Bear - Special Concern

Boreal Caribou - Photo Credit: John Nagy

Peary Caribou - Photo Credit: John Nagy

Hairy Braya - Photo Credit: Jim Harris

Polar Bear - Photo Credit: Gordon Court

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, provides full administrative and financial support to the Species at Risk Committee. Contracts for preparing species status reports are advertised on **www.contractregistry.nt.ca**.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2013-2020

TO BE ASSESSED	SPECIES NAME
December 2013	Barren-ground Caribou (Dolphin-Union population) *(Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus x pearyi)*
	Northern Leopard Frog *(Lithobates pipiens)*
December 2014	Western Toad *(Anaxyrus boreas)*
	Barren-ground Caribou (except Dolphin-Union population) *(Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus)*
	Nahanni Aster (Plant) *(Symphyotrichum nahanniense)*
December 2015	Wolverine *(Gulo gulo)*
	Wood Bison *(Bison bison athabascae)*
December 2016	Drummond Bluebell (Plant) *(Mertensia drummondii)*
	Grizzly Bear *(Ursus arctos)*
	Little Brown Bat *(Myotis lucifugus)**
	Northern Myotis (Bat) *(Myotis septentrionalis)**
	Long-eared Myotis (Bat) *(Myotis evotis)**
	Long-legged Myotis (Bat) *(Myotis volans)**
	Big Brown Bat *(Eptesicus fuscus)**
	*The five bat species will be bundled together into one species status report but assessed separately.
December 2017	Peregrine Falcon anatum-tundrius complex *(Falco peregrinus)*
	Mountain Goat *(Oreamnos americanus)*
	Yellow-banded Bumble Bee *(Bombus terricola)**
	Western Bumble Bee *(Bombus occidentalis)**
	Ashton Cuckoo Bumble Bee *(Bombus ashtoni)**
	*The three bumble bee species will be bundled together into one species status report but assessed separately.
December 2018	Banks Island Alkali Grass (Plant) *(Puccinellia banksiensis)*
	Sand Bluegrass (Plant) *(Poa ammophila)*
	Canadian Toad *(Anaxyrus hemiophrys)*
	Rusty Blackbird *(Euphagus carolinus)*
December 2019	Collared Pika *(Ochotona collaris)*
	American White Pelican *(Pelecanus erthrorhynchos)*
	Red-sided Garter Snake *(Thamnophis sirtalis)*
December 2020	Woodland Caribou (Northern Mountain population) *(Rangifer tarandus caribou)*
	Short-eared Owl *(Asio flammeus)*

The Assessment Schedule is subject to annual review and modification.

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Cover Photo Credit: Northern Myotis (Bat) - Carl Lausen

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

ANNUAL REPORT

Under Section 23(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Species at Risk Committee must submit an annual report to the Conference of Management Authorities by July 1 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

THE *SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT*

The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* (the Act) provides a process to identify, protect and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant or other species managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies everywhere in the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claims agreement.

Peregrine Falcon - Photo Credit: ESR

Wood Bison - Photo Credit: ESR

American White Pelican - Photo Credit: John McKay

THE SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE

The Species at Risk Committee (the Committee) was established under the Act. It is an independent committee of experts responsible for assessing the biological status of species at risk in the NWT.

Species status assessments are done at the territorial level and results may be different from assessments done at the national level. Assessments are based on species status reports that include the best available Aboriginal traditional knowledge, community knowledge and scientific knowledge of the species. The Committee must use objective biological criteria in its assessments and does not consider socio-economic factors.

The Committee will use the assessments to make recommendations on the listing of species at risk. The assessment categories for the legal list of species at risk are Extinct, Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern. Species can also be assessed as Not at Risk or Data Deficient. The Committee will identify threats and positive influences to species and their habitats, and may make recommendations on conservation measures for species at risk.

The Committee makes its recommendations to the Conference of Management Authorities, a group of boards and governments that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT. The Conference of Management Authorities includes wildlife co-management boards established under land claim and self-government agreements, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Tłı̨chǫ Government, and the Government of Canada.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Species at Risk Committee members are appointed by the four wildlife co-management boards established under settled land claim and self-government agreements and the federal government. The Government of the Northwest Territories, represented by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), appoints the other members. Appointments are for up to five years.

Committee members must have significant expertise of species, habitat, northern ecosystems or conservation. Members act independently and not as representatives of their appointing bodies.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2013

Members:

- **Chairperson:** Mr. James Firth
- **Alternate Chairperson:** Dr. Suzanne Carrière
- Ms. Donna Bigelow
- Mr. Larry Carpenter
- Mr. Mike Gravel
- Mr. Chris Heron
- Mr. Jason Horesay
- Dr. Paul Latour
- Mr. Moise Rabesca

Alternates:

- Mr. Walter Bayha
- Mr. Arthur Beck
- Ms. Misty Ireland
- Dr. Nicholas (Nic) Larter
- Mr. Eugene Pascal
- Ms. Jennie Rausch

Biographies of members and alternates are available at **www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca**

COMMITTEE PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013

The Species at Risk Committee released the results of the 2012 species assessments in December 2012. This is the first year assessments have been done since the Act came into force in 2010. Species assessed in 2012 were Peary Caribou (Threatened), Boreal Caribou (Threatened), Polar Bear (Special Concern), and Hairy Braya (a plant) (Threatened).

The Conference of Management Authorities will decide whether or not to add these species to the NWT List of Species at Risk by December 2013.

The Species at Risk Committee held four meetings and continued work on species status reports for Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog, which are scheduled to be assessed in 2013, and Barren-ground Caribou, which is scheduled to be assessed in 2014. The Committee started work on species status reports for Western Toad, Nahanni Aster, Wolverine and Wood Bison, which will be assessed in 2014-15.

The Committee did not receive any referrals or applications for species to be assessed under sections 26(1) or 27 of the Act. An assessment schedule detailing species to be assessed from 2013 to 2020 was developed and has been approved by the Conference of Management Authorities. The assessment schedule will be revised annually.

All Species at Risk Committee documents including species status reports and assessments, are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: **www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca**

Nahanni Aster - Photo Credit: John Semple